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SUBJECT: CCD - WESTERN GROUP MEETING JULY 26, 1976

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1. SUMMARY: AT JULY 26 WESTERN GROUP MEETING, MEMBERS
STATED POSITIONS ON TRANSFER OF CCD TO VIENNA. MARTIN
ALSO BRIEFED GROUP ON NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENMOD
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NEGOTIATIONS (REF A) AND THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION

OF SPECIFIC ISSUES AND TACTICS. PNE TREATY AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS WERE TOUCHED UPON BRIEFLY. GROUP EXCHANGED NAMES OF EXPERTS TO ATTEND INFORMAL MEETING ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. (ALL BUT JAPAN WILL SEND EXPERTS).
END SUMMARY

2. U.S. REP (MARTIN) CHAIRED WESTERN GROUP MEETING MORNING JULY 26, CONVENED AT NETHERLANDS REQUEST TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF MOVE OF CCD TO VIENNA. MARTIN BRIEFED GROUP ON US POSITION (REF B) AND ALSO REPORTED VIGOROUS MEXICAN OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER AND STRONG SUPPORT FROM ARGENTINA. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAUW) HAD NO VIEWS; UK REP (ALLEN) TOOK A LOW-KEY POSITION, BUT DID NOT SEE MUCH ADVANTAGE TO MOVE; ACTING CANADIAN REP (SIMARD) SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND HAD NOT YET REPORTED ON ISSUE, BUT THOUGH CANADA WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH STAFFING VIENNA ADEQUATELY; FRG AND ITALY WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED (FRG DELOFF LATER SAID GERMANS IN FACT SUPPORT MOVE). JAPANESE REP (OGISO) NOTED THAT SUBJECT HAD ORIGINALLY ARISEN IN COMMITTEE V OF THE UNGA LAST YEAR, AND JAPANESE RELUCTANCE TO THE TRANSFER EXPRESSED AT THE TIME WAS STILL THEIR POSITION. ALLEN REPORTED STRONG OPPOSITION OF AMB. THORSSON OF SWEDEN TO MOVE ON GROUNDS OF GENEVA'S HISTORIC ROLE AS SITE OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. REPS AGREED THEY WOULD CONVEY INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS TO SYG'S REPRESENTATIVE AT JULY 27 RECEPTION.

3. ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, UK REP (ALLEN) SAID THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED FINAL TEXT OF DRAFT CW TREATY FROM LONDON, BUT HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO TABLE IT IN THE CCD THE THIRD WEEK OF AGUST. ALLEN UNDERTOOK TO SHOW TEXT TO WESTERN GROUP MEMBERS BEFOREHAND.

4. ON TEST BAN ISSUES, MARTIN SAID THAT PNE TREATY HAD NOT YET BEEN FORWARDED TO THE SENATE, AND HE HAD NO AUTHORIZATION YET TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN THE CCD. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAUW) SAID THAT IN VIEW OF CCD'S HEAVY AGENDA DUTCH HAD NO PRESENT PLANS TO PURSUE THEIR SUGGESTION MADE IN THE SPRING SESSION FOR A SPECIAL CCD MEETING TO DISCUSS PNE TREATY.

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5. ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION NEGOTIATIONS, THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES. MARTIN, IN REPLY TO QUESTION OF CANADIAN REP (SIMARD), REAFFIRMED US DESIRE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS THIS SESSION, BUT COULD NOT ASSESS LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS. HE NOTED THAT, IF EFFORTS OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS TO RESOLVE SPECIFIC WORDING IN

ARTICLE V ARE SUCCESSFUL, THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY TWO ISSUES -- SCOPE AND LISTING OF EXAMPLES OF PHENOMENA RESULTING FROM USE OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES. MARTIN SAID THE US DEL WILL BEGIN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ON DEFINITIONS OF TERMS "WIDE-SPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE", BUT THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE MUCH FLEXIBILITY, EXCEPT PERHAPS ON THE TERM "SEVERE". MARTIN WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER YUGOSLAVIA OR ROMANIA COULD BE PERSUADED TO GO ALONG ON SCOPE QUESTION, AND DOUBTED THAT ARGENTIAN WOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE IN VIEW OF HARD INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUENOS AIRES. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF ARGENTINES WERE ONLY HOLDOUTS IN CCD, IT COULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO OPPOSE COMMITTEE'S REPORTING TREATY TEXT TO THE UNGA.

6. REMARKING THAT MATTER OF ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF EXAMPLES GETS MORE TROBLESOME AS TIME PASSES, MARTIN NOTED THAT US INSTRUCTIONS ALLOW DELETION OF LIST. VAN DER KLAUW, REFERRING TO HIS LEGAL QUESTION RAISED AT JULY 23 INFOMAL GROUP MEETING (REPORTED SEPTTEL), SAID THAT EXAMPLES DO MATTER, SINCE, IN CONTEXT OF AN AMENDMENT, REFUSAL OF A STATE TO AGREE TO A NEW EXAMPLE WOULD MEAN THAT, FOR THAT STATE, PRODUCTION OF SUCH A PHENOMENON WOULD NOT BE COVERED BY THE CONVENTION. HE SUPPORTED DELETION OF LIST.

7. VAN DER KLAUW, IN DISCUSSING ARTICLE V, MAINTAINED THAT THERE WAS AN EFFORT TO REACH A MIDDLE GROUND ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS AND OTHER CONCERNED DELS. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) AGREED WITH MARTIN'S ANALYSIS OF SITUATION ON ARTICLES I AND II. HE URGED, THAT SINCE IT WAS LIKELY ARTICLE V PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED, THAT A PROCEDURE BE WORKED OUT TO SOLVE ARTICLE I
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PROBLEMS. MARTIN AGAIN AFFIRMED STRONG US POSITION ON RETAINING PRESENT REATY SCOPE.

8. AFTER DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES IN EVENT 1976 CCD COULD NOT REPORT FINISHED TEXT TO UNGA, DI BERNARDO AGAIN RAISED THE QUESTION ON WHETHER DELEGATIONS ARE ADAMENT IN THEIR POSITIONS ON THE ARTICLE I "THRESHOLD", MARTIN REPEATED THAT HE SAW NO CHANCE OF ARGENTINA AGREEING TO IT, ALTHOUGH THE THOUGHT ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT FALL OFF THEIR POSITIONS IF ADEQUACY OF TREATY SCOPE WERE AGREED AS ITEM FOR REVIEW CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION IN REVCON PROVISION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT CONCESSIONS MIGHT BE MADE REGARDING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PEACEFUL ENMOD USES.

9. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) SAID JAPAN MUCH PREFERS TO RETAIN ART II EXAMPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PHENOMENA WHICH WOULD ASSIST AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES TO INTERPRET IN A CONCRETE CASE THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER ART I. MARTIN SAID US DEL HAD AUTHORITY TO AGREE TO EXAMPLES CONCERNING FLOODS AND DROUGHT, AND POLAR ICE CAPE AND SIMILAR ICE MASSES; HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FORMER EXAMPLE WAS A WAY TO FINESSE THE RIVER DIVERSION QUESTION, MARTIN AFFIRMED US PREFERENCE TO RETAIN EXAMPLES IN ARTICLE II, BUT REPEATED THAT INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZED AGREEING TO DELETE LIST.

10. ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION MEETING. UK ANNOUNCED IT WILL SEND DR. STRANGE (MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SCIENTIST); CANADA, GOVERNMENT SCIENTIST, PETER BASHAM AND ONE OTHER; NETHERLANDS, VAN BATENBURG, (DIRECTOR, PHYSICS LABORATORY, DEFENSE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT); FRG, DR. FEIGL (A "GENERALIST" FROM A FOUNDATION CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT); ITALY, GEN. AMADEI (STAFF OF DEFENSE MINISTRY ON TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATTERS). JAPAN WILL NOT SEND AN EXPERT. ABRAMS

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